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**REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**APRIL 24, 2013**  
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The North Providence School Committee met on April 24, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room at the High School. Members present were Chairman Marciano, Mr. Cataldi, Mr. Iannetta, Mr. Palmieri, Mrs. Picard, Mr. DaSilva and Mr. Andreozzi. Also present were Superintendent Smith, Mrs. Jacques, Mr. McNamee and Mr. Henneous. Mr. Milazzo was present for the Regular Session and a portion of the Executive Session. Appropriate disclosure was made by the Chair concerning compliance with R.I. General Laws 42-46-(4)&(5) indicating that any person to be discussed had been appropriately notified.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried to go into open session at 6:30 p.m. The regular session was recessed to go into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. The regular session reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

**The Chair called the meeting to order.**

## **II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**The Chair led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence dedicated to the terrible tragedy at the Boston Marathon and Waco, Texas.**

**III. CHAIR TO REPORT OUT ANY VOTES TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECEIVE MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION+ MINUTES PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF RIGL 42-46-(4) & (5).**

**The Chair reported that there were no votes taken in Executive Session.**

## **IV. CORRESPONDENCE**

**The Chair next reported that there was no correspondence received.**

## **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS 3-4.**

**No comments were received. The Chair requested that the Superintendent's Communication be moved to the beginning of the agenda. Hearing no objection, the matter was moved to the beginning of the Agenda.**

## **VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.**

### **4. Superintendent's Communication.**

**Ms. Catone addressed the Committee regarding the students receiving the Rhode Island Social Studies Award and the fact that they are the first students in Rhode Island to win the History contest. Students received recognition and applause. Ms. Catone also thanked the parents for all their support. Superintendent Smith thanked Ms. Catone for all her hard work in facilitating this project.**

**Next was the National Honor Society Students: Senior Project Experiences. Mr. Groccia, one of the Senior Project Coordinators, gave a brief presentation about the senior projects and the three components of the projects. He also introduced Rita Celucci and Madonna Thompson who spoke about the students and the projects. They also introduced three students, Matthew Gonzalez, Marissa**

**Martino and Erik Chiak. Each spoke about their senior project and the benefits that they realized through their projects. Upon completion of their presentations, the students received congratulations and applause. Mr. Groccia also thanked Mr. Curtis for all his hard work with the students as well as all the teachers who helped with the projects.**

## **1. Monthly Financial Report.**

**Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Monthly Financial Report as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried to approve the Monthly Financial Report as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **2. Home Schooling.**

**Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Home Schooling Request as submitted. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and carried to approve the Home Schooling Request as submitted. Mrs. Picard and Mr. Cataldi voted nay to the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 5 to 2.**

### **3. Field Trips.**

**Superintendent Smith recommended approval of the field trips as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and carried to approve Field Trip Requests as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

### **5. Middle School Schedule Presentation.**

**Mrs. Jacques and Mr. Goho spoke about the new Middle School Schedule. They spoke about the need to reorganize the schedule to bring the middle schools into alignment with each other to meet the number of instructional minutes mandated by State regulations. Members asked questions and offered comments.**

### **6. Reorganization of Special Education Department.**

**Superintendent Smith presented a reorganization plan for the Special Education Department. She spoke about the Plan providing a set of checks and balances. She also spoke about the number of out-of-district students and the need to have someone work directly with the placements to assure that all the federal guidelines are followed. The Plan also includes a central team to review all the IEPs. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried to approve the Reorganization Plan for the Special Education**

**Department as presented, including the Job Descriptions. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **7. 2013-2014 Budget.**

**Mr. McNamee gave a brief update regarding the Budget.**

## **8. School Department Vehicle Usage.**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and carried to require that all School Department Vehicle(s) be returned to the School Department at the end of each day. The motion carried by unanimous consent. Mr. DaSilva asked if there was a policy in place and received an answer that there is no policy in place.**

## **VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT**

**No School Committee Reports were received.**

## **VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COMMITTEE**

### **1. LED Lighting Advantage – Stephen Pattek**

**Mr. Pattek addressed the Committee to speak about the Force Energy System. He asked permission to speak with Mr. McNamee and Mr.**

**Milazzo regarding a pilot program to reduce the costs. He assured the Committee that there the pilot program would be at no cost to the School District.**

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Bids.**

**No bids were received.**

### **2. Resignations.**

**No resignation requests were received.**

### **3. Retirements.**

**Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to the retirement of Miriam Bjurman – School Social Worker – NPHS – Effective June 30, 2013. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried to accept the resignation of Miriam Bjurman with regret. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

### **4. Leaves of Absence.**

**Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and**

consent to the Leaves of Absence as follows: Donna Canario – Grade 4 Elementary Teacher – Whelan Elementary School – Paid FMLA Leave Effective March 27, 2013 through June 5, 2013 and Paid Medical Leave Effective June 6, 2013 through June 17, 2013, David Centracchio – Secondary Social Studies Teacher – NPHS for Paid FMLA Leave Effective March 14, 2013 through April 3, 2013, Ryan Clinton – Middle School Art Teacher – Ricci Middle School Unpaid Medical Leave of Absence Effective June 3, 2013 through June 17, 2013, Donna Douglas – Crossing Guard – Centredale Elementary School – Post – Ferncliff Avenue and Smith Street – Paid FMLA Leave Effective March 26, 2013 through May 1, 2013 and Unpaid FMLA Leave Effective May 2, 2013 through May 13, 2013, Lisa Iafrate Ruscito – School Nurse/Teacher – Centredale Elementary School Paid FMLA Effective March 26, 2013 through April 30, 2013, Melissa Paliotta – Middle School Social Studies Teacher – Ricci Middle School Unpaid Medical Leave of Absence Effective June 5, 2013 through June 17, 2013, and Elaine Villari – ESL Teacher – McGuire Elementary School Paid FMLA Effective April 22, 2013 through a date to be determined. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried to approve the Leaves of Absence Requests as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

#### **5. Layoff(s)/Non-Renewal(s)**

**No Layoff(s)/Non-Renewal(s) were received.**



## **6. Appointments.**

**No appointments were received.**

## **X. OLD BUSINESS**

**No Old Business was presented.**

## **XI. Use of Property Requests.**

**Superintendent Smith recommended approval of the Use of Property Requests as presented. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and carried to approve the Use of Property Requests as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **XII. APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**Superintendent Smith stated that there the List of Bills were not in the packet and that they will be presented at the next meeting.**

## **XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Andreozzi and carried to approve and seal the Minutes of the March 27, 2013 Executive**

**Session as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Andreozzi and carried to approve the Minutes of the March 27, 2013 Regular School Committee Meeting as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

#### **XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS IN AGENDA ITEMS 7 - 13.**

**Public comments were received.**

#### **XV. PENDING BUSINESS**

**No pending business was discussed.**

#### **XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Andreozzi and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Margie Caranci**

**Recording Secretary of the North Providence  
School Committee**

**Date Submitted to Committee:**

**Date Approved by the Committee:**